

**Statistics for Women-Owned Firms in the United States and Southeastern States (2002)**

STATE	ALL FIRMS		FIRMS WITH PAID EMPLOYEES			
	FIRMS (NUMBER)	SALES & RECEIPTS (IN THOUSANDS)	FIRMS (NUMBER)	SALES & RECEIPTS (IN THOUSANDS)	EMPLOYEES (NUMBER)	ANNUAL PAYROLL (IN THOUSANDS)
United States	6,492,795	950,600,079	917,946	813,188,494	7,224,246	175,863,498
Alabama	81,951	11,641,251	11,848	10,140,274	98,175	2,080,302
Arkansas	49,647	6,428,371	7,459	5,635,014	55,635	1,124,142
Florida	437,494	61,614,041	65,155	51,416,434	435,674	9,882,669
Georgia	196,224	30,241,691	27,044	25,974,739	197,699	5,054,579
Kentucky	77,232	9,482,166	10,338	8,144,367	84,976	1,764,354
Louisiana	86,844	12,299,102	12,210	10,676,352	116,495	2,307,589
Mississippi	47,071	6,730,684	7,170	5,755,441	54,230	1,009,017
North Carolina	173,921	26,781,801	25,539	23,553,478	225,439	4,935,537
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>76,879</b>	<b>10,916,841</b>	<b>11,764</b>	<b>9,456,770</b>	<b>93,101</b>	<b>1,927,919</b>
Tennessee	117,970	17,829,771	14,232	15,402,420	117,742	2,672,453
Virginia	157,100	22,156,713	23,630	19,090,373	183,813	4,733,322
West Virginia	31,302	3,253,707	4,544	2,793,024	31,806	629,978

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, Women & Minority-Owned Business Firms, July 2005.